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To Mr. Forrestal

Regarding your inquiry on the status of the JCS memorandum for the President on the establishment of a Central Intelligence Agency, I submit the following:

1. A joint memorandum by SecNav and SecWar of 29 September to Admiral Leahy states that the JCS memorandum had been transmitted to the Secretary of State in view of the Executive Order of the President of 29 September and the President's letter of the same date to the Secretary of State regarding the organization of intelligence activities.
2. A joint letter by SecNav and SecWar of 29 September transmitted the JCS memorandum to the Secretary of State, stating that it was assumed he would in turn submit the same to the President.
3. It is understood that the Office of the Secretary of State has not yet taken action on this matter and is likely to retain the memorandum for study for an appreciable time.

Respectfully,

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What is the status of that memorandum sent by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the President?

It is on the basis of the JCS memorandum of a Central Intelligence

and SecWar of 29 states that the JCS memorandum was submitted to the Secretary of State by the Executive Order of the President's Secretary of the State of intelligence

SecWar of 29 memorandum to MR. FORRESTAL that it was sent the same to

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